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Serial No. : 09/972,384  
For : COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, COMMUNICATION DEVICE, SEATING-ORDER DETERMINATION DEVICE,  
COMMUNICATION METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM, GROUP-DETERMINATION-TABLE GENERATING  
METHOD, AND GROUP-DETERMINATION-TABLE GENERATING DEVICE  
Filed : October 5, 2001  
Examiner : Melur Ramakrishnaiah  
Art Unit : 2614

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	84	Minus	** = 84	*0x	\$50 (25)	=\$0
Independent claims	12	Minus	*** = 12	*0x	\$200 (100)	=\$0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefore. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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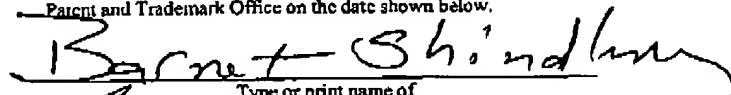
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2007, wherein restriction was  
required as follows:

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Group I claims 1-36, 39-59 and 62-82, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to "seating order in a conference; and

Group II claims 37-38, 60-61 and 83-84, which the Examiner characterized as being directed to "statistical measurement of information."

While Applicants do not necessarily concur with the Examiner's characterization of the claims, nevertheless, Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-36, 39-59 and 62-82 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present the nonelected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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